

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 26:

In one example of a call scenario using a packet network, a connection request is received in the communication hub from a user device. The communication hub suppresses, compresses, and packetizes the incoming digital signals from the user device for transmission to the network. At the network level, the network determines whether or not to allow the connection request using call admission control. Call admission control is the set of actions taken by the network during the call setup phase to accept or reject the connection request. For example, if the effective bandwidth for the connection request is greater than the provisioned bandwidth capacity purchased by the customer, the network will reject the call using call admission control. The effective bandwidth is the minimum bandwidth that needs to be allocated to meet the performance requirements for the currently active calls and the incoming connection request. If the connection request can be processed without violating the provisioned bandwidth, then the call is admitted.